

# BULLETIN

## Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation

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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE PROJECT ARCHITECT, ENGINEER AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

Pursuant to the Texas Elimination of Barriers Act, the State of Texas has adopted the Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS), a state building code that is regulated by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation-Architectural Barriers (TDLR). Although the TAS is similar to the federal ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG), the TAS in some instances is more stringent than ADAAG. The State requires that construction documents be submitted to TDLR or a "Registered Accessibility Specialist" (RAS) for plan review and subsequent inspection to ensure compliance with TAS.

**A TDLR Architectural Barriers-Project Registration Form** must be completed prior to submitting plans to the City.

Under State Law, the City may not accept building permit applications unless there is written confirmation that a project registration number (AB#) has been assigned by TDLR.

#### **Inspections**

Tenant shall request an inspection from TDLR or a RAS no later than thirty calendar days after the completion of construction.

The building or facility must be inspected for compliance with TAS not later than the first anniversary of the date the construction or substantial renovation or modification of the building or facility is completed.

Failure to comply or to remedy any non-compliant items may result in a maximum fine of \$5,000 per occurrence per day.

#### **Registered Accessibility Specialist**

Tenants are required to use [the following](#) a Registered Accessibility Specialist. [This firm is expediting the process for the base building and understands all the variances/nuances of this project that will facilitate this very paper driven process.](#)

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